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SENSING NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE THAT VISIT BY NASA EXPERT, FOR ILLUSTRATED
PRESENTATION IN ORDER TO PREEMPT COALESCENCE OF SUPPORT FOR
RESTRICTIVE APPROACHES TO LANDSAT USAGE, IS NOT NEEDED. EGYPTIANS,
IN OUR OPINION, ARE FULLY CONVINCED OF NECESSITY FOR FREEDOM OF
DISSEMINATION OF LANDSAT INFORMATION, AND IT IS OUR JUDGMENT
THAT THEY WILL THEREFORE SUPPORT US POSITION.

2. REGARDING EGYPTIAN ACQUISITION OF LANDSAT RECEIVING FACILITY,
BENDIX REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT DURING KING KHALID'S VISIT
(JULY 16-20) TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER SAUDI/EGYPTIAN DISCUSSIONS
REGARDING LANDSAT ACQUISITION. BOTH EGYPTIANS AND SAUDIS
SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE FOR SALE OF
LANDSAT FACILITIES BUT NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED. BENDIX WAS
TOLD THAT PERHAPS FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN FORM OF CAPITAL FROM
ONE OR MORE OF GULF STATES WOULD NOW BE DESIRABLE. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO REPORT ON ACQUISITION OF LANDSAT FACILITIES AS
INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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